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### General Assembly

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*Tribute to the memory of His Excellency Saparmurat Niyazov, President of Turkmenistan*

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The General Assembly observed a minute of silence.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Niger (on behalf of the African States), Malaysia (on behalf of the Asian States), Croatia (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Grenada (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Malta (on behalf of the Western European and other States), the United States (as host country), Kazakhstan (on behalf of the Commonwealth of Independent States) and Ukraine (on behalf of GUAM).

The representative of Turkmenistan made a statement.

*Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies: draft resolution (A/61/L.51)* . . . . . [157]

The representative of Qatar made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/61/L.51.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/61/L.51 (resolution 61/226).

The representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela made a statement in explanation of vote.

Statements after adoption were made by the representatives of Japan and Yemen.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 157.

*Credentials of representatives to the sixty-first session of the General Assembly: report of the Credentials Committee (A/61/648)* . . . . . [3 (b)]

The Chairman of the Credentials Committee made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Credentials Committee in paragraph 12 of its report (A/61/648) (resolution 61/227).

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The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 3 (b).

*2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa: draft resolution (A/61/L.50)* [48]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 48.

The representative of the Niger made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/61/L.50.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/61/L.50 (61/228).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 48.

*New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support* [62]

*(a) New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support: draft resolution (A/61/L.23/Rev.1)*

*(b) Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa: draft resolution (A/61/L.41/Rev.1)*

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 62.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/61/L.23/Rev.1 (resolution 61/229).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/61/L.41/Rev.1 (resolution 61/230).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-items (a) and (b) of agenda item 62, and of agenda item 62 as a whole.

*Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: draft decision (A/61/L.52)* [113]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 113.

The General Assembly adopted draft decision A/61/L.52.

Statements after adoption were made by the representatives of Egypt (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and the Group of 77 and China) and Japan.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 113.

*Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/61/413)* [37]

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement, in the course of which he orally amended the draft resolution.

By 100 votes to 1, with 52 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 8 of its report (A/61/413), as orally amended (resolution 61/231).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom and the United States.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 37.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Special Political and Decolonization (Fourth Committee).

The meeting was suspended

84th plenary meeting (resumed)

*Introduction of the reports of the Third and Fifth Committees*

Under rule 66 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided not to discuss the reports of the two Committees that were before the Assembly.

*Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives* [67 (c)]

*Report of the Third Committee (A/61/443/Add.3)*

*Report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/666)*

The representative of Finland made a statement, in the course of which she orally corrected the draft resolution.

The representative of Myanmar made a statement on a point of order.

By 82 votes to 25, with 45 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution II recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/61/443/Add.3), as orally corrected (resolution 61/232).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 67, and of agenda item 67 as a whole.

*Report of the Human Rights Council: report of the Third Committee (A/61/448, A/61/448/Corr.1 (in Arabic only) and A/61/448/Corr.2 (in English only))* . . . . . [68]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 29 of its report (A/61/448, A/61/448/Corr.1 (in Arabic only) and A/61/448/Corr.2 (in English only)).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 68.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Third Committee.

*Introduction of the reports of the Fifth Committee*

The Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 115, 116 together with 117, 118, 120, 121, 122, 124, 125, 126, 129, 130, 131, 47 together with 113, 116, 117, 122, 123, 132, 147 and 149, 47 together with 113, 116, 117, 122, 123, 132 and 149, 134, 139, 151, 144 (b), 117 and 116.

*Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/631)* . . . . . [115]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/61/631) (resolution 61/233).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 115.

*Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations; Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/652)* [116 and 117]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/61/652) (resolution 61/234).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 116 and 117.

*Programme planning: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/653)* [118]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/61/653) (resolution 61/235).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 118.

*Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/632)* [120]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/61/632).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 120.

*Pattern of conferences: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/597)* [121]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/61/597) (resolution 61/236).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 121.

*Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/512/Add.1)* [122]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/61/512/Add.1), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/61/L.28 (resolution 61/237).

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union), South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Liechtenstein and Mexico.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 122.

*Joint Inspection Unit: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/654)* [124]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/61/654) (resolution 61/238).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 124.

*United Nations common system: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/663)* [125]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/61/663), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/61/L.27 (resolution 61/239).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 125.

*United Nations pension system: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/664)* [126]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/61/664), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/61/L.29 (resolution 61/240).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 126.

*Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/655)* [129]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/61/655) (resolution 61/241).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 129.

*Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/656)* [130]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/61/656) (resolution 61/242).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 130.

*Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of United Nations peacekeeping operations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/665)* [131]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/61/665), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/61/L.26 (resolution 61/243).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 131.

*Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields; Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit; Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations; Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007; Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations; Human resources management; Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations; Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara; United Nations reform: measures and proposals: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/659)* [47, 113, 116, 117, 122, 123, 132, 147 and 149]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/61/659) (resolution 61/244).

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 47, 113, 116, 117, 122, 123, 132, 147 and 149.

***Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields; Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit; Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations; Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007; Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations; Human resources management; Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations; United Nations reform: measures and proposals: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/658)*** [47, 113, 116, 117, 122, 123, 132 and 149]

**The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/61/658), as follows:**

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|---|---|
| **Draft resolution I (resolution 61/245)** | Adopted |
| **Draft resolution II (resolution 61/246)** | Adopted |

**The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 47, 113, 116, 117, 122, 123, 132 and 149.**

***Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/621)*** [134]

**The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/61/621) (resolution 61/247).**

**The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 134.**

***Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/617)*** [139]

**The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/61/617) (resolution 61/248).**

**The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 139.**

***Financing of the United Nations Integration Mission in Timor-Leste: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/644)*** [151]

**The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/61/644) (resolution 61/249).**

**The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 151.**

***United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/657)*** [144 (b)]

**By 95 votes to 5 with 46 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the fourth preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 4, 5 and 21 of the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/61/657).**

**By 145 votes to 3, with 1 abstention (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/61/657), as a whole (resolution 61/250).**

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 144.

*Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007: reports of the Fifth committee (A/61/592/Add.1 and A/61/592/Add.2)* [117]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/61/592/Add.1) (resolution 61/251).

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Fifth Committee in document A/61/592/Add.2, the texts of which, for the time being, were contained in documents A/C.5/61/L.25 and A/C.5/61/L 30 respectively, as follows:

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| Draft resolution I (resolution 61/252) | Adopted |
| Draft resolution II (resolution 61/253) | Adopted |
| Draft decision I | Adopted |
| Draft decision II | Adopted |

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Finland (on behalf of the European Union).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 117.

*Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/667)* [116]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/61/667), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/61/L.21 (resolution 61/254).

The General Assembly also adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/61/667), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/61/L.31.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 116.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Fifth Committee.

*Programme of work*

The General Assembly took note that items 11, 12 to 15, 17, 19 to 27, 32, 33, 42, 44 to 47, 52, 68, 90, 100, 105 (a), (b), (d) and (e), 106 (h), 107, 108 (a), (h), (l), (o) and (p), 110 to 147, 149 and 151 to 155 remained open for consideration during its sixty-first session.

## Main Committees

### Fifth Committee

37th meeting

*Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations* [122]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.28, which had been coordinated by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on behalf of the Chairman.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Estonia and Angola.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this item.

*United Nations common system* [125]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.27, which had been coordinated by the representative of Ireland, on behalf of the Chairman.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement in explanation of position was made by the representative of the United States.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this item.

*United Nations pension system* [126]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.29, which had been coordinated by the representative of the Philippines, on behalf of the Chairman.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement in explanation of position was made by the representative of the United States.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ecuador and Argentina (also on behalf of Brazil and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela).

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this item.

*Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of United Nations peacekeeping operations* [131]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.26, which had been coordinated by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on behalf of the Chairman.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this item.

*Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007* [117]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Committee had before it draft decision A/C.5/61/L.22 containing the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.38/Rev.1 (Situation of human rights in Myanmar), which had been coordinated by the representative of Morocco, on behalf of the Chairman.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee also had before it draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.25, which had been coordinated by the representatives of Angola, Côte d'Ivoire, Morocco, Namibia and Yemen, on behalf of the Chairman.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Statements were then made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Japan, Pakistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group) and Lebanon.

*Contingency Fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates*

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division made a statement on the contingency fund.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions also made a statement on the contingency fund.

The Chairman proposed, and the Committee agreed to recommend to the General Assembly to note that a balance of $630,300 remained in the contingency fund.

*Draft report of the Fifth Committee*

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The Chairman of the Committee then drew the attention of the Committee to the draft report of the Fifth Committee contained in document A/C.5/61/L.30, submitted by the Secretariat, on behalf of the Rapporteur.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, draft resolutions I and II and draft decisions I and II contained in document A/C.5/61/L.30.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, its draft report.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this item.

*Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations* [116]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.21, which had been coordinated by the representative of Nigeria, on behalf of the Chairman.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee also had before it draft decision A/C.5/61/L.31, submitted by the Chairman.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

After the adoption of the draft decision, the representative of Belgium made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this item.

*Closure of the work of the Fifth Committee during the main part of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly*

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were also made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Grenada (on behalf of the Group of Latin America and Caribbean States) and Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group).

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